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TAIWAN RELATIONS ACT

HON. MAURICE D. HINCHEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 24, 1999

Mr. HINCHEY. Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act, I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate the Republic of China on Taiwan and its people on the progress they have made since that time. Taiwan has established itself as a stable political presence in Asia, an important economic power, and proof that democracy can work in Asia. At the time of its enactment, there were some who believed that this new foundation for relations between our countries would not work, that our friendship would dissipate, and that Taiwan would be weakened.

But that has not been the case. If anything, I believe our friendship and understanding has strengthened since that time. Taiwan's determination not just to set its own course, but to develop and mature as a nation has grown. Its economic achievements in that time are especially impressive: no other Asian nation was as successful in withstanding the recent economic crisis on that continent. But I continue to believe that its most impressive achievement has been the development of a multi-party democracy, and its readiness to share power among its democratic parties.

I wish to extend my congratulations to President Lee Teng-hu—who once resided in my congressional district—on his achievements in office, and also to Representative Stephen S. F. Chen on the capable job he has done as Taiwan's representative here under the Taiwan Relations Act.

TRIBUTE TO THE CHURCH OF SAINT ROSE OF LIMA

HON. ANTHONY D. WEINER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 24, 1999

Mr. WEINER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to invite my colleagues to pay tribute to the Church of Saint Rose of Lima on the occasion of its Eighth Annual Dinner Dance.

The members of the Church of Saint Rose of Lima have long been known for their commitment to community service and to enhancing the quality of life for all New York residents.

This year's Dinner Dance is not only a festive happening, it is a chance for all of us to celebrate and pay tribute to a group of individuals who have dedicated their lives to helping others. This year's honorees truly represent the best of what our community has to offer.

Mario Russo and his wife, Diana, met in the Rockaways and were married at Saint Rose of Lima Church on November 30, 1941, by Rev. James Galvin. A carpenter by trade, Mario has

worked on many of the Rockaway projects such as Hammels Houses, Arvene, Nordeck, Dayton and Surfside. Mario Russo has routinely worked on improving the quality of life of his friends and neighbors in the Rockaways. He has served as the head of the Somerville-Arvene Civic Association, President of the Arvene Civic Council and been a member of Community Board 14 for the last thirty years. In addition, Mario Russo, has been an active member of the American Legion, the Rockaway Civic Association, and his local Chamber of Commerce. For the last thirty-five years, Mario Russo has conducted a yearly campaign for Earth Day and Plant Up for Trees.

Jo Ann Francis Celeste Mullaney Shapiro, has been an active member of the Rockaway community for over fifteen years. Her involvement spans from graffiti removal projects, increasing our police protection, improving our children's education, to fighting for our senior citizens. Jo Ann Shapiro is the Past President of the Rockaway Kiwanis Club and an active member of the Rockaway Beach Civic Association. She is a founding member of the Far Rockaway High School based Health Clinic and past Chairperson of its advisory board. She is an active member of the Business and Professional Women Club and the Peninsula Regular Democratic Club. Jo Ann has worked for the New York City Board of Education in Community School District 27 and served as her school's U.F.T. Chapter Chairperson. She is an active member of the Saint Rose of Lima Parish and serves as Assemblywoman Audrey I. Pheffer's Chief of Staff where she makes Rockaway's issues, her issues.

Each of today's honorees has long been known as innovators and beacons of good will to all those with whom they come into contact. Through their dedicated efforts, they have each helped to improve my constituents' quality of life. In recognition of their many accomplishments on behalf of my constituents, I offer my congratulations on their being honored by the Church of Saint Rose of Lima.

RECOGNITION OF OSSABAW ISLAND FOUNDATION AND IMPORTANCE OF WORKING TO PRESERVE NATURAL HABITATS

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 24, 1999

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Ossabaw Island Foundation and the Georgia Commissioner of Natural Resources for their efforts to preserve Ossabaw Island, Georgia's first Heritage Preserve.

Georgia's high rate of population and economic growth have created statewide expansion into previously uninhabited areas. Efforts to preserve and protect endangered natural areas is vital to the well-being of Georgia's environment.

Ossabaw Island is one of the few remaining barrier islands on the Atlantic Coast to remain

in an undeveloped state. The fragile ecosystems of the island should be preserved so that natural areas along the coast will work to protect estuaries, wildlife, marshes, and coastal shorelines. If Ossabaw Island remains in its natural state, it will provide needed protection for the mainland from Atlantic storms, permit the functioning of marshes which provide water and air purification essential to habitation of Georgia's mainland, and provide conditions not tainted by human intervention for environmental research.

I would like to commend the Ossabaw Island Foundation, a public/private partner with the State of Georgia's Department of Natural Resources, for diligently serving as a voice for the preservation of the island. The Foundation has worked to incorporate educational and cultural programs in the island's historical buildings and to provide appropriate access and utilization of the Ossabaw Heritage Preserve.

Through the efforts of the Board of Trustees of the Foundation, Ossabaw Island was included on the National Trust for Historic Preservation's Eleven Most Endangered Properties List of 1995. The island was also listed on the National Register of Historic Places by the United States Department of the Interior in 1996.

The importance of preserving natural habitats is a common belief among the members of the House of Representatives. We must not allow the natural beauty and resourcefulness of our nation to be sacrificed for lesser purposes. The benefits of protecting and preserving areas of natural habitat range from aesthetic to practical and must not be ignored.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in recognizing the partnership and hard work of the Georgia Commissioner of Natural Resources and the Board of Trustees of the Ossabaw Island Foundation. Their combined efforts have protected and will continue to protect and ensure a healthy environment on Georgia's Ossabaw Island for many years to come.

A TRIBUTE TO CALVIN BELLAMY

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 24, 1999

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to commend one of Northwest Indiana's most distinguished citizens, Mr. Calvin Bellamy, of Munster, Indiana. On May 23, 1999, Mr. Bellamy will be honored for his exemplary and dedicated service to Northwest Indiana. His praiseworthy efforts will be recognized at Purdue University Calumet's Commencement Exercise as he will be receiving an honorary doctor of humane letters degree.

Calvin Bellamy, a longtime resident of Northwest Indiana, has dedicated his life to

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public service. In 1964, Mr. Bellamy graduated from Indiana University and continued his education at the University of Michigan where he received his Juris Doctor cum laude and Order of the Coif in 1967. He has continued his scholarly work in law and has been nationally recognized for his writing on constitutional questions. Mr. Bellamy currently serves as the chairman and chief executive office of Bank Calumet, with which he began his affiliation in 1975.

While Calvin Bellamy has dedicated considerable time and energy to his work at the bank, he has always made an extra effort to give to the community. Some of the organizations for which he serves as the director of include: the Lake County Community Development Committee, the Northwest Indiana World Trade Council, and the Northwest Indiana Local Initiatives Support Corporation. Additionally, he has served as president and director of the Hammond Public Library, Lake Area United Way, and the Legal Aid Society of Greater Hammond. He has also been active with the Hammond Historical Society, the Lake County Bar Association, Northern Indiana Arts Association, and the Indiana Bankers Association.

Although his work and community service put extraordinary demands on his time, Calvin Bellamy has never limited the time he gives to his most important interest, his family, especially his lovely wife, Cathy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in commending Calvin Bellamy for his lifetime of dedication, service, and leadership in Northwest Indiana. His large circle of family and friends can be proud of the significant contributions this prominent individual has made. Our community has certainly been rewarded by the true service and uncompromising dedication displayed by Mr. Calvin Bellamy.

93RD ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 24, 1999

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I recently had the pleasure of attending a forum on "The Upsurge of Anti-Semitism in Russia" sponsored by the American Jewish Committee at its 93rd annual meeting. This forum was attended by several Members of Congress and provided a useful opportunity for representatives of the AJC and Members of Congress to exchange their thoughts on the rise of anti-Semitism in Russia and the response of Congress.

In this connection, I distributed a statement regarding the March 23 passage of H. Con. Res. 37, a resolution that condemned the anti-Semitic statements made by certain members of the Russian State Duma, as well as commending fair-minded members of the Duma for their efforts to condemn such statements. This resolution passed the House of Representatives unanimously. As Chairman of the Helsinki Commission, I was proud to have introduced this resolution in the House, along with every member of the Helsinki Commission. A companion resolution in the Senate, S. Con. Res. 19, has been introduced by Com-

mission Co-chairman Senator BEN NIGHTHORSE CAMPBELL and Ranking Commissioner Senator FRANK LAUTENBERG.

Mr. Speaker, at this time, I submit this statement for the RECORD.

STATEMENT OF THE HONORABLE CHRISTOPHER
H. SMITH

Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. It's a pleasure to meet with you today, at this 93rd annual meeting of the American Jewish Committee and the forum on "Confronting the New Upsurge of Anti-Semitism in Russia."

With the fall of the Soviet Union, many of the "hidden" ills of that society that had been "frozen" by a totalitarian regime devoted to superficial "order" re-emerged. One of these was open anti-Semitism. Freedom of the press has given rise to countless anti-Semitic publications and leaflets. As you know, two suspicious explosions took place in Moscow recently near the Maria Roshcha and Chorale synagogues. These are only the most recent instances of arson or suspected arson against these two synagogues. Other synagogues and Jewish cemeteries in the former Soviet Union and Russia have been hit as well.

In post-Soviet Russia, the residue of official anti-Semitic propaganda of the Soviet era—disguised by Moscow as "anti-Zionism"—was bound to find a certain reception among certain less-discriminating elements. These attitudes, freed from the constraints of the Iron Curtain and now aided by the Internet and an unrestrained press, and then reinforced and cross-pollinated by neo-Nazis and racists throughout the world. In their fervent anti-communism, some extreme nationalists have attempted to present a distorted picture of Jews as allies of communists destroying Russia during the Soviet period. In Russia today the communists blame Jews for being allies of capitalists destroying Russia. Finally, the economic malaise experienced in Russia has engendered hatred intolerance against not only Jews, but toward many ethnic minorities, especially the so-called "dark people" from the Caucasus.

It is deplorable when vandals and hate-mongers attempt to spread bigotry in any society, but we must admit that such unfortunate incidents do not take place only in Russia. And, I have yet to meet any member of the Russian Jewish community who wants to return to the Soviet period. But I—and I know I can speak for other Members of the House of Representatives—have been outraged by the antics and attitudes that have been exhibited by some members of the Russian Duma, especially in the ranks of the Communist Party.

In December of last year, Mr. Viktor Ilyukhin, a Communist Party member and chairman of the Duma security committee, stated that Yeltsin's "Jewish entourage" is responsible for alleged genocide against the Russian people. Another Communist Party member, retired General Albert Makashov, speaking at public rallies, referred to "the Yids" and other "reformers and democrats" as responsible for Russia's problems and threatened to make up a list of targets and "send them to the other world."

Incidentally, I have seen films of Mr. Makashov's performance. It is quite sobering. I can only say, "Heaven help the Russian people and the world," if he and his ilk ever do triumph.

In fairness to the many conscientious Russians inside and outside of the government, these anti-Semitic statements were widely condemned in Russia. In response to the public outcry, both in Russia and abroad, Communist Party chairman Zyuganov explained

that the Party had nothing against "Jews," just "Zionism." When fair-minded members of the Duma attempted to pass a resolution condemning Makashov's statement, it was voted down by the communist majority.

The U.S. Congress, though, has reacted much differently. On March 23 of this year, the House of Representatives passed unanimously, 421-0, House Concurrent Resolution 37, condemning anti-Semitic statements made by members of the Russian Duma and commending actions taken by fair-minded members of the Duma to censure the purveyors of anti-Semitism within their ranks. I was proud to have introduced this resolution in the House, along with every member of the Helsinki Commission as original cosponsors. A companion resolution in the Senate, Senate Concurrent Resolution 19, has been introduced by Commission Co-Chairman Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell and Ranking Commissioner Senator Frank Lautenberg.

In addition, several members of the Helsinki Commission and I have written to Mr. Zyuganov to express our dismay at his role and the role of his party in tolerating anti-Semitism in a participating State of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe. In that letter, among other points, we urged Zyuganov to take every appropriate step to disassociate the Communist Party from racist and anti-Semitic positions and to reject individuals who hold those positions.

I would add that our Embassy and the State Department have performed commendably in expressing to Russian officials our deep concern about the rise of anti-Semitism in Russia.

I am informed by the State Department that in recent days at least, there have been no more anti-Semitic statements emanating from Duma members. However, as Elena Bonner remarked earlier this year at Helsinki Commission hearings, the parliamentary elections in December of this year will be an important indicator of Russia's direction for the future. Will Russia return to the democratic path of the early 1990s or will it turn backward in reaction? We hope that the lesson of ethnic intolerance, taken to its extreme conclusion now in the Balkans, should be clear.

In any event, let me assure you that as Chairman of the Helsinki Commission and as Chairman of the Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights of the House International Relations Committee, I will use every appropriate opportunity to combat anti-Semitism and intolerance in Russia.

TRIBUTE TO EDWARD A. KOZIARZ

HON. ANTHONY D. WEINER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 24, 1999

Mr. WEINER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to invite my colleagues to pay tribute to Edward A. Koziarz on the occasion of his being honored for his twenty-five years of service to the members of Plumbers Local Union No. 1, U.A.

The members of the Plumbers Local Union No. 1 have long been known for their commitment to community service and to enhancing the quality of life for all New York City residents.

This gathering is not only a festive happening, it is a chance for all of us to celebrate and pay tribute to a man who has dedicated his life to helping others. Edward A. Koziarz,

truly represents the best of what our community has to offer.

Edward A. Koziarz was born on November 13, 1936 in Ozone Park, New York. He and his loving wife, Annette, have three wonderful children and have taken great pride and joy in the successes of their four grandchildren.

Edward A. Koziarz was initiated into Plumbers Local #1 and appointed as a United Association Organizer in June of 1974. Since his election on July 1, 1978, Edward A. Koziarz has served as Local #1's Business Agent, a post he holds to this very day. Edward A. Koziarz has also served his brothers in Local #1 by serving as a delegate to United Association Conventions in 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991 and 1996.

Edward A. Koziarz has been among the pre-eminent labor leaders of New York City Civil Service Skilled Tradesman since 1974 and is one of the Founding Fathers of the New York City Comptroller's Prevailing Wage Council.

Edward A. Koziarz has long been known as an innovator and beacon of good will to all those with whom he has come into contact. Through his dedicated efforts, he has helped to improve my constituents' quality of life. In recognition of his many accomplishments on behalf of my constituents, I offer my congratulations on his being honored by Plumbers Local Union No. 1, U.A. in recognition of his twenty-five years of service to the Union as an Organizer and Business Agent.

MONTELLO STUDENTS SPACE SEED PROJECT ON SPACE SHUT- TLE DISCOVERY

HON. THOMAS E. PETRI

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 24, 1999

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, this past year, students from Montello, Wisconsin worked on a project that entailed an international experiment which was included on last fall's historic Discovery space shuttle flight.

The experiment involved vials of lettuce seeds from Wisconsin and chicory seeds from Italy being subjected to micro gravity, extreme heat and cold during the NASA flight. While in space, the project was tended by astronaut John Glenn. The seeds are being studied to determine the effects of space travel. Early results indicated that the space seeds did as well as the control seeds despite not being fertilized. This unexpected finding could have far-reaching implications for the environment.

The school-wide project included students of different ages and the central theme allowed all types of classes to be involved, such as English, history, and agriculture. The seed project, "Growing Montello Transglobally" is a joint effort with students from the Il Montello region of Italy. The students communicated over the Internet using an Italian translator program.

During a visit to Montello High in January, I had the opportunity to discuss the project with the students and was impressed by their interests and abilities. I toured classes where students had participated in computer portions of the project, from sharing and tracking information with their sister school in Montello, Italy, to downloading and sending digital photo-

graphs. I was also impressed by a video documentary of the project and related activities that was made in conjunction with the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA).

The Wisconsin students were able to go to Florida to view the Discovery launch in October. They raised their own money for the trip through a variety of fund-raisers which included selling cookies and T-shirts and hosting a spaghetti dinner.

Seventh and eighth grade students in the Montello School system are co-authoring a children's picture book. The students developed their own ideas for the characters, plot, settings, and illustrations featuring children from Montello, Italy and Montello, Wisconsin. The book will feature NASA projects as seen from the children's perspective. They will be submitting the book to a professional publisher. A literacy quilt was created to highlight the success of the NASA Project.

Catherine Ellenbecker, teacher, has been asked to have the students do a multimedia presentation on the seed project at the Naval Academy in Annapolis in September.

The time and effort the students of Montello, Wisconsin and Il Montello of Italy put into this project was phenomenal and their achievements and successes should be recognized. I believe these students deserve a full measure of praise for all they have accomplished.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. MICHAEL G. WEISS

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 24, 1999

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to your attention today the fine work and outstanding contributions of Dr. Michael G. Weiss. Congregation Emanu El of San Bernardino, CA, will honor Dr. Weiss on June 5 as this year's recipient of the Rabbi Norman F. Feldheim Award for distinguished service to the congregation and community. He will be recognized at a dinner dance which will also commemorate the 108th anniversary of the chartering of the congregation.

The Norman F. Feldheim Award was established to pay tribute to those members of Congregation Emanu El who have, in their own lives, reflected Rabbi Feldheim's qualities of love for and loyalty to the synagogue, service to the community, as well as evidencing personal traits of humility, loving kindness, care, and love. Dr. Weiss has been a particularly devoted leader of Congregation Emanu El through his 10-year service as a member of the board of directors as well as treasurer, vice president, and, from 1996-98, president of the congregation. Over the years, Dr. Weiss has been a tremendous inspiration to others through his love for Judaism and his commitment and devotion to the synagogue.

Dr. Weiss is also a widely recognized and highly respected member of the faculty of the Department of Psychology at California State University at San Bernardino. He is a psychotherapist in private practice as well as a consultant to numerous mental health facilities throughout the Inland Empire. A prolific author, Dr. Weiss has conducted research and written extensively on parenting, sexual awareness, and foster parenting.

Dr. Weiss has also given generously of his time to numerous civic and community-based organizations including Mothers Against Sexual Abuse, San Bernardino Child Advocacy Program, the Children's Network of San Bernardino County, and the Center for Counseling and Parenting. In addition, he has been particularly active as an educator before numerous civic, religious, and professional groups at the local and national level.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me and our colleagues in recognizing the tremendous contributions of Dr. Michael Weiss as he is presented with the Rabbi Norman F. Feldheim Award. Dr. Weiss, along with his wife, Ellen, and children, Emily and Zachary, provide an outstanding example of faith and family. It is especially appropriate that this honor is being bestowed at a ceremony also marking the 108th anniversary of the founding of Congregation Emmanu El.

CONGRATULATIONS TO W. KEN MASSENGILL

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 24, 1999

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to pay tribute to an outstanding citizen of Indiana's First Congressional District, W. Ken Massengill. On Saturday, June 5, 1999, Mr. Massengill, along with his friends and family, will celebrate his retirement from United Steelworkers of America (USWA), District 7. The celebration will take place at St. Elijah Serbian-American Hall in Merrillville, Indiana.

Ken Massengill has dedicated a substantial portion of his life to the betterment of union members and the community of Northwest Indiana, as well as the entire state.

Mr. Massengill's distinguished career in the labor movement has made his community, state, and nation a better place in which to live and work. For more than twenty-five years, Mr. Massengill has served as an important figure as a member of the United Steel Workers of America. He has held several positions throughout his tenure, but none as important as Assistant Director of District 7, USWA, a position from which he retired in February of 1999.

As a union representative, Ken Massengill has held a variety of offices, ranging from union steward to Sub-District Director. In addition to his service to the union, he has devoted much of his time to community initiatives. Some of the activities Mr. Massengill has been involved with include: board member for both the Porter County and Michigan City United Way, Chairman of the Lake Area United Way Board of Trustees, member of the Indiana University Labor Studies Advisory Board, and President of the Indiana Unemployment Insurance Board. Additionally, he serves as the Indiana Steelworkers PEC Legislative Director, PAC Coordinator, and in 1994 was appointed by Former Governor Evan Bayh to the Indiana Port Commission where he currently served as the Chairman of the Port Commission.

On this special day, I offer my heartfelt congratulations to Ken Massengill. His large circle of family and friends can be proud of the contributions this prominent individual has made.

His work in the labor movement provided union workers in Northwest Indiana opportunities they might not have otherwise had. Mr. Massengill's leadership kept the region's labor force strong and helped keep America working. Those in the movement will surely miss Mr. Massengill's dedication and sincerity. I sincerely wish Ken Massengill a long, happy, and productive retirement.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MICHAEL R. NELSON, CHIEF DEPUTY U.S. MARSHAL FOR EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

HON. ROBERT T. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 24, 1999

Mr. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to rise today in tribute to Michael R. Nelson, Chief Deputy U.S. Marshal for the Eastern District of California. As he celebrates his retirement, I ask all of my colleagues to join with me in saluting his outstanding public service career.

Mr. Nelson has been the Chief Deputy U.S. Marshal for the Eastern District of California for the past 10 years. He has overall responsibility for all operations and administrative programs within this major judicial district.

With almost 30 years of experience within the Marshals Service, Mr. Nelson has brought a vast range of knowledge, experience, and management skills to his current position as chief deputy.

His tenure in this position has been highlighted by his proactive approach to negotiating with local law enforcement agencies and jails. He has worked hard to eliminate most federal prisoner housing shortfalls within the Eastern District.

Mr. Nelson has always been concerned first and foremost with the safety of his deputy U.S. Marshals. He has initiated several programs within the district to ensure that all personnel are properly trained and given the tools necessary to survive in a hostile confrontation or critical incident.

He has worked hard to implement policies which provide for greater survival, firearms, and simulation training for the deputy U.S. Marshals in his district. Mr. Nelson also created an award winning Special Response Team in the district. This team, with all of its special training, has won numerous competitions against other local, state, and federal agencies.

The district's Critical Response Team is another example of Chief Deputy Nelson's extraordinary management capabilities. This team works closely with the Marshals Human Resources Division and Employee Assistance Program to ensure that the needs of Marshals personnel are met following any critical incident.

In 1989, Mr. Nelson received the Marshals Service Director's Award for Outstanding Manager based on his innovative approach and great management skills. He has always been highly regarded by the local law enforcement community, the federal judiciary, and fellow employees alike.

I especially commend Mr. Nelson for his outstanding handling of the difficult logistics associated with the Unabomber Trial in Sac-

ramento. U.S. Marshal Jerry Enomoto and Chief Deputy Nelson managed complex security arrangements with exceptional professionalism during this period.

While the new Federal Courthouse was being constructed in Sacramento, Mr. Nelson took an active role in making sure that the special requirements of the Marshals Service were included throughout the building. His thorough knowledge of the relevant security needs and on-site weekly inspections proved invaluable to the overall construction process.

Since taking over as Chief Deputy in 1990, Mr. Nelson has proved to be an excellent manager and budget officer. His prudent approach to budgeting limited resources is especially noteworthy.

Mr. Speaker, Chief Deputy U.S. Marshal Michael Nelson has been a great public servant in the Eastern District of California. I ask all of my colleagues to join with me in thanking him for his exceptional service and wishing him every success in all of his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO CHACELLA NEWTON

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 24, 1999

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to congratulate Ms. Chacella Newton upon her retirement from her position as Food Service Director for the Macomb Intermediate School District. Her friends and colleagues will honor her with a retirement party at the Macomb Intermediate School District on May 26, 1999.

Chacella Newton has dedicated her career to health and good nutrition. For nearly 40 years, Chacella has worked in the field of Dietetics. In 1960, she accepted her first position as the Director of Dietetics at Detroit's St. John Hospital. In 1967, Chacella took the position of Director of Dietetics at Alexander Blain Memorial Hospital. She worked there until 1978, when she accepted her current position as Food Services Director for the Macomb ISD.

Through her position with the Macomb Intermediate School District, Chacella has become known for her commitment to children's health. She has led a number of state and national programs to improve services offered in school lunch rooms. Chacella has also provided her valuable advice to others. Personally, I have relied on Chacella many times for her trustworthy opinions. Similarly, the food safety manual, when she wrote, has been sold in 16 states and used by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Chacella Newton is also a person dedicated to her community. She currently serves on the boards of the Macomb Essential Transport Services, the Comprehensive Youth Services and the Mount Clemens Public Library. In addition, Chacella was the first African American woman to take a seat on the Mount Clemens School Board. She has also served as the President of the Michigan School Food Service Association.

It is my honor and my privilege to congratulate Chacella Newton on her retirement from the Macomb Intermediate School District, and wish her the best of luck for the future.

TRIBUTE TO TEMPLE BETH AHAVATH SHOLOM

HON. ANTHONY D. WEINER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 24, 1999

Mr. WEINER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to invite my colleagues to pay tribute to the members of Temple Beth Ahavath Sholom on the occasion of its Annual Journal Luncheon.

The members of Temple Beth Ahavath Sholom have long been known for their commitment to community service and to enhancing the quality of life for all New York City residents.

This year's luncheon is not only a festive happening, it is a chance for all of us to celebrate and pay tribute to a group of individuals who have dedicated their lives to helping others. This year's honorees truly represent the best of what our community has to offer.

Fran Arnowitz and her husband Manny have continuously surrounded themselves and their children in the warmth of Judaism through their involvement with Beth Sholom People's Temple and Temple Beth Ahavath Sholom. Following Beth Sholom People's Temple's consolidation with Temple Ahavath Sholom, Fran Arnowitz became the Temple's Treasurer, a post she still holds. Fran is widely regarded as a hard worker who has dedicated herself to addressing the needs of the Temple and its members.

Myron Klein, a long time member of Temple Ahavath Sholom prior to the consolidation, is a man who has distinguished himself through his service to the Temple that he loves. Myron Klein has long been an active member of Temple Beth Ahavath Sholom's Brotherhood and serves as its Treasurer. In addition, Myron has taken a leading role in the Temple's fundraising efforts and serves as the Chairman of the Goods and Services Auction which has raised thousands of dollars for the Temple.

Each of today's honorees has long been known as innovators and beacons of good will to all those with whom they come into contact. Through their dedicated efforts, they have each helped to improve my constituents' quality of life. In recognition of their many accomplishments on behalf of my constituents, I offer my congratulations on their being honored by Temple Beth Ahavath Sholom.

STEPHEN M. BARROUK HONORED

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 24, 1999

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a distinguished community leader and my good friend, Mr. Stephen M. Barrouk. In June, Leadership Wilkes-Barre will honor Steve with the group's 1999 Distinguished Leadership Award. I am pleased and proud to have been asked to participate in this richly-deserved tribute.

A native of Wilkes-Barre, Steve graduated from E.L. Meyers High School. He earned a B.A. degree in Urban Studies/Economics and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Pittsburgh. Steve went on to serve in the Department of City Development in Pittsburgh and later as the Deputy Director of the Allegheny County Department of

Development. He also served as Executive Director of the Allegheny County Industrial, Hospital and Higher Education Authorities.

Steve returned to Northeastern Pennsylvania to become the President/CEO of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Business and Industry and its affiliates, the Greater Wilkes-Barre Industrial Fund and the Greater Wilke-Barre Chamber of Commerce. He is also a member of the Luzerne County Convention Center Authority, the Pennsylvania Economic Development Association, the American Chamber of Commerce Executives, and the Industrial Development Research Council.

Steve serves on the board of the Economic Development Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania, the United Way of Wyoming Valley, the Ethics Institute, Blue Cross of Northeastern Pennsylvania, and the Downtown Task Force of Wilkes-Barre. Steve also serves on the board of the Earth Conservancy, a non-profit, charitable organization that is restoring, preserving, and developing more than 17,000 acres of land throughout Luzerne County previously owned by a bankrupt coal company. He also played an important role in helping to win an American Heritage River designation for the Upper Susquehanna-Lackawanna Watershed.

I have worked closely with Steve on countless projects to improve the quality of life for Northeastern Pennsylvania. Despite the enormity of the challenges he has faced on complex projects such as restoring the former Pomeroy's building in downtown Wilkes-Barre, creating a new sports area/convention center, and the day-to-day work of attracting new industries to our area, Steve has always shown the utmost devotion to the community. He leads his organization with the highest level of professionalism.

Over the past several years, I have enjoyed working with Steve Barrouk to promote economic development in Northeastern Pennsylvania. Steve's efforts have literally helped create thousands of jobs in the Wyoming Valley. I am pleased to join Leadership Wilkes-Barre in thanking Steve Barrouk for his efforts. Luzerne County will undoubtedly benefit from his further labors in the years ahead.

ANIMAL CRUELTY LEGISLATION

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 24, 1999

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, criminals should not profit from illegal acts. That is why I introduced H.R. 1887 last week that will ban illegal, disgusting acts that are occurring nationwide.

People around the country are making "crush videos." These videos feature women crushing small animals with their feet while wearing spiked heels. The videos are sold nationwide to people who enjoy this type of so-called "foot fetish." and sellers of the video are making millions of dollars.

The acts of animals cruelty featured in the video are illegal under state law. However, according to District Attorney Michael Bradbury of Ventura County, California, it is difficult to prosecute these acts under state animal cruelty laws. First, a District Attorney must iden-

tify the individual in the video. This is a difficult task given the fact that most of the time, only the actress' legs are shown. Second, it is difficult to prove that the act featured in the video occurred within the statute of limitations. Third, local animal cruelty laws do not prohibit the production, sale, or possession of the video. There are also no federal laws that could be used to prosecute the individuals.

Sick criminals are taking advantage of the loopholes in the local law and the lack of federal law on animal cruelty videos. This is a serious problem. Thousands of these videos are being sold. Thousands of dollars are being made. By not closing these loopholes and allowing this sick behavior, we are encouraging people to profit from violating the state animal cruelty laws. This must be stopped!

H.R. 1887 will put a stop to this offensive behavior. This legislation is narrowly tailored to prohibit the creation, sale or possession of a depiction of animal cruelty in interstate commerce for commercial gain. H.R. 1887 does not preempt state laws on animal cruelty. Rather, it incorporates the animal cruelty law of the state where the offense occurs.

I urge all of my colleagues to join me in pursuing this legislation which will put an end to profiting from these disgusting criminal acts. Please contact Wendy Wiseman of my staff at 5-5811 to cosponsor H.R. 1887.

WOMEN'S DEMOCRATIC CLUB OF MONMOUTH COUNTY PAYS TRIBUTE TO CHAIRMAN VICTOR V. SCUDIERY

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 24, 1999

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, on Sunday, May 23, the Women's Democratic Club of Monmouth County, NJ, will pay tribute to Mr. Victor V. Scudiery, who for the past 10 years has served as the Monmouth County Democratic Chairman.

A native of Newark, NJ, Mr. Scudiery graduated from Seton Hall University. He served his country in the U.S. Army in both active and reserve duty. Since then, he has achieved the status of one of our most prominent citizens in the worlds of business and politics and in the civic life of our community. He is the president of Interstate Electronics in Hazlet and also oversees several other business ventures in New Jersey and Florida. But it is probably in his capacity as the Monmouth County Democratic Chairman that Vic Scudiery is best known.

As if his chairmanship didn't keep him busy enough, Vic Scudiery devotes considerable time to many worthwhile causes. He serves on the boards of seven community organizations, and his energy, devotion and sincere commitment to giving something back to his community is felt in all of the endeavors that he is involved with. He is the chairman of the Bayshore Senior Day Center Board of Advisors, a lifeline to many area senior citizens, providing meals, companionship and daily activities. As chairman of the Buck Smith Memorial Foundation, he has overseen the granting of scholarships to deserving students. The Bayshore Hospital Health Care Center selected Mr. Scudiery as chairman of the Board

of Trustees, where he is responsible for land acquisition and construction of facilities.

In recognition of all his hard work and generosity—and in spite of his natural sense of modesty—Vic Scudiery has received countless honors from civic and charitable organizations throughout New Jersey, including the Bayshore Senior Center, Brookdale College, Knights of Columbus, Society of St. Anthony of Padua, the NAACP, and various municipal and Democratic organizations.

On this occasion, Mr. Speaker, I am honored to join with the Women's Democratic Club of Monmouth County, and the many friends of Victor Scudiery, in paying tribute to a great chairman and one of our most distinguished citizens.

COMMEMORATING THE LEADERSHIP OF EAST SIDE SCOUTMASTER DAN NELSON

HON. BRUCE F. VENTO

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 24, 1999

Mr. VENTO. Mr. Speaker, we must recognize outstanding efforts by individuals that are continuing to set aside private lands for the general welfare of today's youth and future generations.

Dan K. Nelson of St. Paul, a neighbor of mine back home, was recently awarded the Boy Scouts of America's "William T. Hornaday Gold Medal" award. The award is surely a positive recognition, but I know that Dan Nelson's real joy is the knowledge that this special landscape along the St. Croix River will be a legacy for future generations.

Thanks Dan and congratulations on your good work. Mr. Speaker, I would like to submit for the RECORD an article from the May 17, 1999 East Side Review outlining Dan Nelson's life long vocation and profession which has been inspired by experiences and lessons learned as a Boy Scout.

[From the East Side Review, May 17, 1999]

EAST SIDE BOY SCOUT LEADER WINS

NATIONAL AWARD

(By Scott Nichols)

The developer in possession of the 1,100 acres adjacent to the St. Croix River wanted to turn the property into a golf course community boasting more than 200 homes.

Through the persistence of East Side trial lawyer, resident and assistant Scoutmaster Dan Nelson, the developer never got his chance.

Nelson joined in the neighborhood push for the sale of the property. Together the group was successful, eventually, in coming up with the developer's price tag of \$1.1 million, through private donations and appeals for funds to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

It's for continued effort like that that the Boy Scouts of America Indianhead Council announced April 12 that Nelson has been awarded what is perhaps the most prestigious award in all of scouting, the William T. Hornaday Gold Medal.

"Rare is not an appropriate term (for the award). They are very, very extremely rare," says Ron Phillippo, chief executive of the Indianhead Council.

The award is given out to adult Scouters who render a distinctive and unusual service to natural resources conservation over an extended period.

According to Phillippo, less than 100 of these awards have been given out nationally since 1910, the birth of scouting.

"I've been in this business for 41 plus years, and I only recall in my entire career three or four ever given out," says Phillippo, noting that he's served the Boy Scouts organization in various locations all over the country. "It's a very prestigious award. It takes a good deal of character in terms of project."

Nelson's project saved the 1,100 acres just 34 miles northeast of the Twin Cities from being developed. Much of the reason he was greatly interested in maintaining the land in an undeveloped state was that the property was adjacent to the nonprofit Beaver Valley Camp used largely by scouting groups.

Nelson, 51, attended the camp as a child, and was part of the troop whose previous members had formed the camp years before. "That's where they implanted the curiosity."

The curiosity that Nelson talks about is what helped to drive him both into adult scouting and the legal profession. When he was a political science and international undergraduate at the University of Minnesota, the camp had legal problems associated with the land. Those legal problems were severe enough that Nelson says his camp bought one piece of land three times (and, he says, "under my watch the third and final time.")

Boundary disputes and bogus deeds were par for the course, for years, according to Nelson, noting that the legal disputes over the land helped to push his interests into the legal arena, which led to his attending Hamline Law School for his law degree.

All through that time, he never got tired of spending time at Beaver Valley Camp. For the last 23 years, Nelson has spent anywhere from five to 20 hours a week volunteering at the camp, teaching inner-city kids activities such as soil conservation, trout pond repair and tree planting, the same things that he learned about when he went to the camp as an East Side youth.

Nelson, as he says, was "born, raised, and baptized on the East Side." He grew up on Stillwater Avenue, and since then has moved only three miles, to his current home close to Lake Phalen, which he shares with his wife Sandy and three of his four children.

"He's had many people recognized with our top award, the Eagle Scout award," says Phillippo. For the kids to progress that far, he says, Scout leaders such as Nelson need to provide a "huge number of opportunities" for them to work through the roughly 800 requirements necessary to get the badge.

Nelson's love of teaching doesn't stop at conservation practices. He's a Big Brother, a Sunday school teacher, and a meet director for the local YMCA swim team. He's also taught trial advocacy and been a Moot Court judge for Hamline and the Minnesota Bar Association.

While Nelson's past accomplishments include being listed in the Hamline Law School's Hall of Fame and four different Who's Who books, and winning roughly a dozen scouting awards since 1990, he's quite elated at having won the Hornaday Gold Medal.

"The Hornaday Gold Medal is awarded because of the regional or national impact," he says. "I never thought I would get it, and I'm really delighted and surprised that I did get it."

SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE SAFE DEPOSIT BOX ACT OF 1999

HON. RON PACKARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 24, 1999

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, I strongly support H.R. 1259, the Social Security and Medicare Safe Deposit Box Act of 1999. Saving and strengthening Social Security is one of the highest priorities for me. After people work hard their entire life they should feel confident that they will receive their Social Security benefits.

The way I see it, we have to get Washington's hands out of Social Security once and for all. We need legislation that will permanently prevent Washington from raiding the Social Security surpluses for wasteful spending programs. The simple truth is that the Social Security Trust Fund will go into the red in 14 years unless we act now to strengthen it. Under H.R. 1259, Washington would never be able to touch Social Security dollars again, as 100 percent will be saved for Social Security.

The Social Security and Medicare Safe Deposit Box Act of 1999 will help us guard against attempts to raid the Social Security surpluses for more government spending by toughening budget procedures. This legislation will change the way the budget is presented so Social Security funds cannot be used for other purposes, including how we measure our Federal surplus.

Mr. Speaker, having paid into Social Security myself for over 40 years, I will never support hasty reforms that threaten the financial futures of those who have committed a lifetime of earnings to the system. As a father and a grandfather, I strongly believe it is time we take action to ensure Social Security will be available for generations to come.

I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 1259 and protect Social Security.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM DeMINT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 24, 1999

Mr. DeMINT. Mr. Speaker, on May 20th, I missed rollcall vote No. 144 due to my daughter's graduation. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on agreeing to the Senate amendments to H.R. 4.

INTRODUCTION OF THE PESTICIDE REGISTRATION HARMONIZATION ACT OF 1999

HON. EARL POMEROY

OF NORTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 24, 1999

Mr. POMEROY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Pesticide Registration Harmonization Act of 1999. I am pleased to have Representative RICK HILL of Montana and Representative JOHN BALDACCIO of Maine as original cosponsors on this very important legislation for American farmers and ranchers.

The premise of this legislation is quite simple. As a Member of Congress representing a border-state with Canada, I believe that it is essential for American farmers to be on the same level "playing field" as their international counterparts. I am hopeful that the Pesticide Harmonization Act of 1999 will begin a much needed dialogue between the United States and Canada on chemical harmonization as we head into the 21st Century.

The Pesticide Harmonization Act of 1999 is designed to establish a process under which the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) could be requested to review registration requests for certain pesticide products. The types of pesticides that would be reviewed are registered for use on a specific crop in Canada and are also registered in the United States but not for use on that specific crop. In addition, the chemical must be needed to respond to critical pest control needs of United States growers which are not otherwise being met, and supported for registration by their manufacturers. If the chemical meets these criteria then the EPA review process would be expedited. The EPA would have 180 days after receiving a request from the registrant for a specific product to either agree to accept the registration package approved by the Canadian Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) or to explain their reasons for not approving the request.

Clearly, there is an inequity in pesticide registrations, particularly for canola, wheat, and barley, between the United States and Canada. In the case of canola, Canada has about 40 pesticides registered while the United States has only seven. American farmers ought to have access to the same, environmentally safe pest control tools that are available to their Canadian counterparts.

Mr. Speaker, American farmers are facing 50 year low commodity prices, at the same time costs of production are continuing to rise. The Pesticide Registration Harmonization Act of 1999 is a step in the right direction of leveling the playing field for American producers.

HONORING THE KIWANIS CLUB OF MERRICK ON THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 24, 1999

Mr. KING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the 50th anniversary of the Kiwanis Club of Merrick which occurred on Sunday, May 23, 1999.

Known as "The Club With a Heart," the work of the Kiwanis Club of Merrick has benefited children, senior citizens, teachers, students, disabled youth, needy families and Merrick residents in general. By engaging in activities of fundamental importance to our community, the club has consistently shown itself to be a leader in civic service.

Whether it is the distribution of food baskets to needy families during the holidays, awarding scholarship funds to deserving high school graduates, picnicking with disabled youth or sponsoring geriatric home visits and sing-alongs, the dedicated members of the Merrick Kiwanis Club have played a crucial role in bettering the lives of countless members of

New York's third district since the club's foundation in 1949.

Most recently, the club has undertaken efforts to donate pediatric trauma kits and portable emergency generators to local fire departments and distribute bicycle safety helmets free to all second and third graders in local elementary schools among many other laudible ventures.

As we prepare to enter the 21st century we must recognize those who have brought us to where we are today. For members of the Merrick extended community, the Kiwanis Club and its contributions on such a broad spectrum of initiatives has played an important role in the past half century and on behalf of the third district, I would add, that it is our sincere hope that their important work continues well into the next millennium.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JENNIFER DUNN

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 24, 1999

Ms. DUNN. Mr. Speaker, on May 18, 1999, the House considered the conference report for H.R. 1141, the fiscal year 1999 emergency supplemental bill. I was not recorded on final passage of the conference report (rollcall 133), but wish the RECORD to reflect that I was supportive of the measure.

TRIBUTE TO NAT ROSS

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 24, 1999

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great civil rights and women's rights leader, an outstanding individual who has devoted his life to his family and to serving the community, Mr. Nat Ross. For the past 60 years, he has played a major role in virtually every significant movement for civil rights, empowerment, and social and economic justice. Mr. Ross will turn 95 on June 25.

Born to immigrant parents who labored as garment workers, Nat Ross started on his path to the American Dream when he was awarded a 4-year scholarship to Columbia University. There he was deeply influenced by a faculty that included John Dewey, who would become Franklin Roosevelt's "Brain Trust". Nat dedicated himself to education and to two emerging social issues, civil rights and women's rights. He graduated Phi Beta Kappa in 1927.

Nat began his career as a printing salesman with Lincoln Graphic Arts, becoming an expert in direct mail marketing. In the 1930's he served in the civil rights movement, volunteering in Alabama in the midst of the infamous "Scottsboro Boys Case". There he would meet Johnnie West, who served as a war correspondent during World War II. They were married for 55 years until her passing.

Mr. Speaker, Nat's second career started in 1967 when he started teaching Direct Marketing at New York University. Under his leadership, the New York University Center for Direct Marketing was born and is now consid-

ered the prominent program in this field. Nat also founded the Direct Marketing Idea Exchange, a discussion club including the most prestigious talents in the business. In 1984 he was named to the Direct Marketing Association's Hall of Fame.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing a happy 95th birthday to Nat Ross.

IN TRIBUTE TO HOLLY CAUDILL

HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 24, 1999

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to notify my colleagues of the death on Friday, May 21st, of Holly Caudill, of San Diego, California, a vigorous and tireless advocate for persons with disabilities to have a fighting chance to achieve the American Dream.

Ms. Caudill was a young lawyer, a native of the State of Washington, and an Assistant U.S. Attorney in San Diego. And she was a quadriplegic, the result of a motor vehicle accident at age 14. Her experience, and the inspiration of her late father Paul Caudill, taught this determined woman several things—most importantly that there was little that she could not do, given a chance.

I met Ms. Caudill some years ago in a meeting where she gave me the benefit of her experience. Notwithstanding the fact that she was eager and qualified to work, the existing system of medical benefits, disability coverage, and other government programs made productive work almost impossible. A job with greater pay meant a severe reduction in benefits payments, providing a powerful disincentive against paid work for her and for other Americans with severe disabilities.

Her knowledge of the system, and her determination to succeed, together with support from others that she inspired, helped Ms. Caudill to continue to work and be a tax-paying citizen. When it came to this basic principle—that people who work for pay should not have the government arrayed against them—Holly Caudill was second to none as a vigorous, determined, effective and inspirational advocate.

I recall most vividly that in the 105th Congress, at her request, I helped her to meet with House Speaker Newt Gingrich. He was the sponsor of H.R. 2020, the Medicaid Community Attendant Services Act, which would have made a greater amount of attendant services benefits payable under the Medicaid program. She had a long and wide-ranging discussion with the Speaker and his staff—about her life, about the Speaker's bill, and, most importantly, about how important it was to stop government programs from being such a barrier to work and dignity for persons with disabilities. The Speaker himself remarked to me on several occasions about Ms. Caudill's vigor and determination, and what an inspiration she was.

With her advice, I was privileged to add my name as a cosponsor to H.R. 2020, which had 76 cosponsors at the close of the 105th Congress. And in this Congress, I am honored to be one of 163 cosponsors of a similar measure introduced by the gentleman from New York, Mr. LAZIO, which is H.R. 1180, the Work

Incentives Improvement Act. I hope that we can enact this legislation.

San Diego Union-Tribune columnist Peter Rowe was the preeminent chronicler of Holly Caudill's life and her advocacy the past couple of years. I would like to quote from his column of March 23, 1999, in describing why Ms. Caudill worked as hard and fought as vigorously as she did.

"Caudill's situation is distressingly common.

"There are thousands of people—there may be tens of thousands of people—just like her," said Cyndi Jones, director of the Accessible Society Action Project (ASAP), a San Diego-based organization that lobbies on behalf of the disabled. "These people want to go back to work, but they are caught in a Catch-22.

"Here's the catch:

"If you are disabled and Washington—via Social Security or Medicare—pays some of your health bills, you cannot work. Without a job, there's a good chance you'll end up on welfare.

"You want to work? Fine. You lose your benefits. Without benefits, there's an outstanding chance you won't make enough money to afford treatment.

"Today, roughly 9 million disabled Americans receive federal disability benefits. While many cannot work, others retain the ability and the desire."

Mr. Speaker, Holly Caudill had the ability. She had the desire. She found the whole system aligned against her iron will to work. Yet she did work. She helped to make our system of justice work as an Assistant U.S. Attorney, while she so vigorously advocated for justice and dignity in work for persons with disabilities.

Before she reached her goal, of an American where people with disabilities could work and enjoy the fruits of their labors, our Heavenly Father brought her home. There are no wheelchairs there, Mr. Speaker.

Let the permanent RECORD of the Congress of the United States today note that Ms. Holly Caudill, Assistant U.S. Attorney in San Diego, California, was an inspiration to me and to many others, and a friend of America. May God rest her soul, and give peace to her family, friends, co-workers, and to so many others that she touched. And may we remember well her life's purpose.

INTRODUCTION OF THE E-MAIL USER PROTECTION ACT

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 24, 1999

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the internet is a communications medium that has significantly impacted our day-to-day lives. With the click of a button you can do just about anything. You can write to your family and friends. You can purchase clothes and groceries. You can even listen to music and watch videos. There is no doubt that the internet has become one of our civilizations most important innovations.

Unfortunately with these advancements come problems. One of the largest problems to face the internet is unsolicited bulk e-mail or spam. Today, I am introducing the E-Mail User Protection Act. Spam is a problem. It takes

both time and money to wade through and delete these unsolicited messages. It is a problem which everyone agrees needs to be addressed immediately. This legislation attacks the problem by making the tools used fraudulently by spammers.

First, my legislation makes it illegal to falsify any identifying information such as e-mail addresses or routing information. Second, this bill makes it illegal for a spammer to misappropriate or take over an unsuspecting person's e-mail account to spam others by subjecting the spammer to either a stiff financial penalty and/or possible jail time. Third, the legislation also requires spammers, upon the request of an individual, to remove them from their spam. Fourth, my bill makes it illegal to create, use, or distribute software that is primarily designed to falsify e-mail identifying information. Fifth, any violations of these provisions incurs a fine of either \$50 per violating message or up to \$10,000 a day the violation continues.

This is an excellent solution to the spam problem. The E-Mail User Protection Act of 1999 will start to weed out fraudulent spam and eliminate any hassle to internet users. By this, we will help to continue the growth, prosperity, and innovation of the internet.

AN ISSUE OF FUNDAMENTAL
FAIRNESS

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 24, 1999

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to report to my colleagues the actions of the House Armed Services Committee. I regret the Committee's failure to follow the recommendations of the Military Personnel Subcommittee to repeal the statutory prohibition on abortions in overseas military hospitals and restore the law to what it was for many years. If enacted, women stationed overseas would be permitted to use their own funds to obtain abortion services. No federal funds would have been used and health care professionals who are opposed to performing abortions as a matter of conscience or moral principle would not be required to do so.

This is an issue of fundamental fairness. Servicewomen and military dependents stationed abroad do not expect special treatment, only the right to receive the same legally protected medical services that women in the United States receive. We had the opportunity to finally put a stop to the misguided law that

has endangered our servicewomen's lives for far too long. It is unfortunate that the full committee did not follow the subcommittee's direction.

The Department of Defense, the American Public Health Association, the American Medical Women's Association, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, and the Planned Parenthood Federation of America have all indicated their support for the subcommittee's decision.

If we are to attract the best and brightest of our nation's young people to our Armed Forces we must act to restore this fundamental right. We cannot expect to attain our readiness and recruitment goals when potential soldiers know they will not have the same right to access to health care when they are stationed overseas.

It is our responsibility to restore the right of freedom of choice to women serving overseas in our nation's Armed Forces. Members of the military and their families already give up many freedoms and risk their lives to defend our country. They should not have to sacrifice their privacy, their health or their basic constitutional rights because of a policy with no valid military purpose.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, May 25, 1999 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MAY 26

9 a.m.

Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine the live stock industry, including mandatory pricing and country of origin labeling; and to hold a business meeting to consider S. 566, to amend the Agricultural Trade Act of 1978 to exempt agricultural commodities, livestock, and value-added products from unilateral economic sanctions, to prepare for future bilateral and multilateral trade negotiations affecting United States agriculture; S. 604, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to complete a land exchange with Georgia Power Company; and the nomination of Thomas J. Erickson, of the District of Columbia, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

SH-216

9:30 a.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold oversight hearings on Native American Youth Activities and Initiatives.

SR-485

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Employment, Safety and Training Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine mine safety and health issues.

SD-628

Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings on S. 1090, to reauthorize and amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Liability, and Compensation Act of 1980.

SD-406

10 a.m.

Judiciary

Immigration Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine immigrant contributions to the United States Armed Forces.

SD-226

Finance

To resume hearings on Medicare reform issues, focusing on the work of the National Bipartisan Commission on the Future of Medicare.

SD-215

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
Securities Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the private sector's voluntary corporate bond price transparency initiative coordinated by the Bond Market Association (Corporate Trades I).

SD-538

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine a protocol to reconstitute the Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) Treaty with four new partners.

SD-562

2 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold oversight hearings on activities of the Federal Communications Commission.

SR-253

Intelligence

To hold closed hearings on pending intelligence matters.

SH-219

Governmental Affairs

International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services Subcommittee

To hold hearings on the report of the House Select Committee on United States National Security and Military/Commercial concerns with the People's Republic of China.

SD-342

Judiciary

Constitution, Federalism, and Property Rights Subcommittee

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-226

2:30 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

Forests and Public Land Management Subcommittee

To hold hearings on S. 510, to preserve the sovereignty of the United States over public lands and acquired lands owned by the United States, and to preserve State sovereignty and private property rights in non-Federal lands surrounding those public lands and acquired lands.

SD-366

MAY 27

9:30 a.m.

Appropriations

Business meeting to markup proposed legislation making appropriations for fiscal year 2000 for Energy and Water Development programs, and to markup proposed legislation making appropriations for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Transportation and related agencies.

SD-106

Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings on S. 935, to amend the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 to authorize research to promote the conversion of biomass into biobased industrial products.

SR-328A

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings on S. 761, to regulate interstate commerce by electronic means by permitting and encouraging the continued expansion of electronic commerce through the operation of free market forces.

SR-253

Finance

To resume hearings on Medicare reform issues, focusing on the work of the National Bipartisan Commission on the Future of Medicare.

SD-215

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings on the nomination of David L. Goldwyn, of the District of Columbia to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (International Affairs); and the nomination of James B. Lewis, of New Mexico, to be Director of the Office of Minority Economic Impact, Department of Energy.

SD-366

Judiciary

Business meeting to markup S. 467, to restate and improve section 7A of the Clayton Act; and S. 606, for the relief of Global Exploration and Development Corporation, Kerr-McGee Corporation, and Kerr-McGee Chemical, LLC (successor to Kerr-McGee Chemical Corporation).

SD-226

Foreign Relations

East Asian and Pacific Affairs Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the Chinese Embassy bombing and its effects on United States-China relations.

SD-562

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for the National Endowment for the Arts.

SD-628

10:30 a.m.

Environment and Public Works

Fisheries, Wildlife, and Drinking Water Subcommittee

To hold hearings on S. 1100, to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to provide that the designation of critical habitat for endangered and threatened species be required as part of the development of recovery plans for those species.

SD-406

2 p.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings on the nomination of David B. Sandalow, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs; and the nomination of Lawrence Harrington, of Tennessee, to be United States Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank.

SD-562

Energy and Natural Resources

Water and Power Subcommittee

To hold hearings on S. 623, to amend Public Law 89-108 to increase authorization levels for State and Indian tribal, municipal, rural, and industrial water supplies, to meet current and future water quantity and quality needs of the Red River Valley, to deauthorize certain project features and irrigation service areas, to enhance natural resources and fish and wildlife habitat; S. 244, to authorize the construction of the Lewis and Clark Rural Water System and to authorize assistance to the Lewis and Clark Rural Water System, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, for the planning and construction of the water supply system; S. 769, to provide a final settlement on certain debt owed by the city of Dickinson, North Dakota, for the construction of the bascule gates on the Dickinson Dam; S. 1027, to reauthorize the participation of the Bureau of Reclamation in the Deschutes Resources Conservancy; and H.R. 459, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for FERC Project No. 9401, the Mt. Hope Waterpower Project.

SD-366

2:30 p.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Aging Subcommittee

To resume hearings on issues relating to
the Older Americans Act.

SD-628

JUNE 8

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings on the nominations of
General Eric K. Shinseki, USA, for re-
appointment to the grade and for ap-
pointment as Chief of Staff, United
States Army, and Lieutenant General
James L.

Jones, Jr., USMC, to be general and for ap-
pointment as Commandant of the Ma-
rine Corps.

SR-222

JUNE 9

9:30 a.m.

Environment and Public Works

Transportation and Infrastructure Sub-
committee

To resume hearings on the implementa-
tion of the Transportation Equity Act
for the 21st century.

SD-406

Indian Affairs

To hold hearings on S. 438, to provide for
the settlement of the water rights
claims of the Chippewa Cree Tribe of
the Rocky Boy's Reservation; and S.
944, to amend Public Law 105-188 to
provide for the mineral leasing of cer-
tain Indian lands in Oklahoma.

SR-485

2 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

Water and Power Subcommittee

To hold oversight hearings on the proc-
ess to determine the future of the four
lower Snake River dams and conduct
oversight on the Northwest Power
Planning Council's Framework Proc-
ess.

SD-366

JUNE 10

9:30 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold oversight hearings on the report
of the National Recreation Lakes
Study Commission.

SD-366

JUNE 17

9:30 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings on mergers and consoli-
dations in the communications indus-
try.

SR-253

Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings on S. 533, to amend the
Solid Waste Disposal Act to authorize
local governments and Governors to re-
strict receipt of out-of-State municipal
solid waste; and S. 872, to impose cer-
tain limits on the receipt of out-of-
State municipal solid waste, to author-
ize State and local controls over the
flow of municipal solid waste.

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SEPTEMBER 28

9:30 a.m.

Veterans Affairs

To hold joint hearings with the House
Committee on Veterans Affairs to re-
view the legislative recommendations
of the American Legion.

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